

## DEAR GRACE FAMILY,

Longtime members of our Grace community will remember Pastor/Elder Jim Malouff. After a 20-year battle with cancer, we lost Jim to COVID-19 a little over a year ago. He was my best friend and an important mentor and advisor since the beginning of this ministry. Jim was all about God's grace. He taught that the Grace of God offered hope for all people.

Jim was at my side through thick and thin of the growth and development of Grace Church. Jim often reminded me that every time we took a risk, God provided, and we grew. Jim was passionate about our ministries. Jim shared the Elder's vision with what he affectionately called the REACH and Student Center. The center would provide an important physical bridge between our worship space and our 50+ ministries. REACH and Student Ministries were among his favorites.

Jim Malouff, Jason Stocker, and Rick Long, the Elders of Grace, shared the same passion about getting the job done. As pastors, it is our job to call people to action. We are often reminded that the church should be made up of contributors rather than consumers, contributing our time, talents, and treasure to God's kingdom.

Before his death, Jim and his wife, Judy, stepped up with a lead gift so that we could begin the work to build this center of hope.

They took this action for you, and to spread the Good News about Jesus. It is your turn. I am asking you to help us with this step of the process and participate in the planning study to offer feedback about the bold future of our Church. Just as Jim – and all of us – are children of God, this is a great opportunity to bring hope by expressing God's love to more people around the world through Grace Church.



IN CHRIST ALONE,

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LEAD PASTOR/ELDER



## YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED

Please join us in this exciting endeavor by getting involved in the first step in this process of preparing for a successful capital campaign. With the help of the Steier Group, a national fundraising and development firm, we will be conducting a planning study. Over the next few weeks, we will be asking everyone in the Grace community to participate. This assessment will help us to gauge support for our project and allow us to determine a fundraising goal, as well as identify volunteer opportunities needed for this campaign. Your feedback will be invaluable in helping us develop a strategy to ensure a successful campaign. We encourage you to participate. Thank you for your prayers, support and participation in this crucial planning process.

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LEAD PASTOR/ELDER

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PASTOR/ELDER

The logo for Grace Church, featuring the word 'grace' in a blue, lowercase, cursive font, with the word 'CHURCH' in a blue, uppercase, sans-serif font below it.

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# COMMUNITY

Grace Church has a proven formula for growth. The recipe is all about one simple truth, that we live our mission: *hope for everyone and a home for anyone.*

In a world of dissension and division, we offer acceptance, tolerance and transparency wrapped in genuine love for everyone. At Grace, we welcome guests and members to come as they are and become a part of the beautiful tapestry God has woven together from every race, nation, socioeconomic status, gender and walk of life. We are all about grace, which God defines as getting something we do not deserve. **Love.** No matter what!

We invite all to join us and discover the meaning of life and the extent of God's love. He demonstrated His love for us by sacrificing His one and only son, Jesus, who conquered sin and death to offer every believer eternal hope and purpose.



## OUR NEED

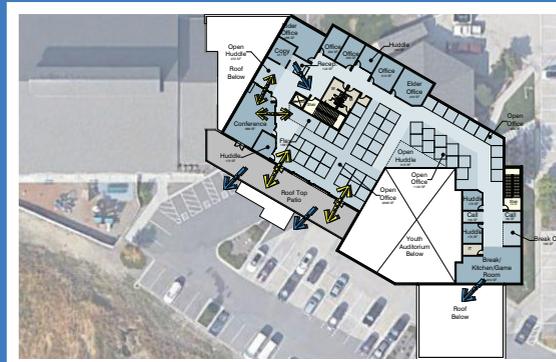
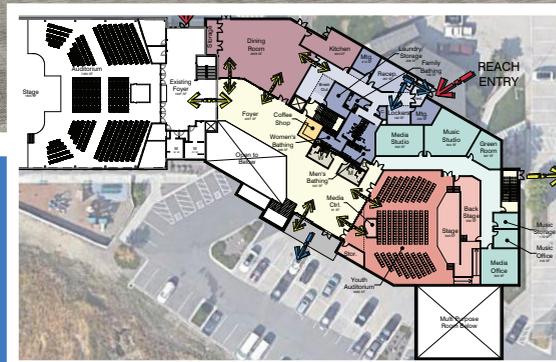
Accommodating growth has been an issue since our humble beginnings when we first gathered in a living room. We have always sought to create safe environments and support systems that help our entire community through thick and thin. While physical space does not define a church, it definitely allows us the opportunity to do more for the purpose of reaching more people.

Grace Church is bursting at the seams. At the time we constructed our church over a decade ago, it was obvious that our campus setting was not perfect. While the Lodge has served us well, the building is detached from the church and no longer offers adequate space needed for our booming Student Ministry. We often consider the benefits of having our local ministries under the same roof and connected to the worship center. We know that our space for fellowship is inadequate and leads to a disconnected community after weekend services. Overflow worship space does not exist. Staff is spread out without functional work or meeting spaces. Parking spaces are at a premium with dozens each weekend forced to use the Walmart parking lot blocks away.



## NOW IS THE TIME

The Elders, working in conjunction with Eidos, a leading architectural firm, have designed a new three-story, 60,000 square foot addition that will bring together our ministries under one roof. The building design creates a connection between the church and the ministries that benefit most – such as fellowship, Students, REACH, Small Groups, Celebrate Recovery, Support Classes, volunteers and staff. Our goal is to create a welcoming, exciting place for students to come and bring friends. Our vision is providing new spaces that will help us reach as many people as we can for Jesus.



## THE ADDITION WILL PROVIDE NEW SPACE FOR THESE FEATURED USES:

### MAIN LEVEL

**Space for fellowship:** Connecting to the existing church foyer on the second level will be a new foyer to provide a comfortable home-feel space for hanging out, staying after weekend services and enjoying coffee at bistro tables.

**Space for our community:** Generally, the design leaves no ministry behind, including designated space and entrance for all of our REACH programming which includes: computer lab, training center, showers and locker rooms, etc.

**Space for worship:** While intended primarily for student worship, a new 300-seat auditorium will also serve as overflow for weekend services. Plans call for installation of state-of-the-art LED screens in both auditoriums, eliminating projection screening, and integrating directly with online streaming for an incredible in-person worship experience.

### GROUND LEVEL

**Space for multiple uses:** Located on the ground floor, this large, flexible room will be used by students as a multipurpose half-court or for activities that can spill outside through the large retractable doors. We will also have many multipurpose small group rooms for our growth in Students, Celebrate Recovery, Support Classes, and Christian Education Classes. There will be a designated game room for our Student Ministry. This level will also house additional breakout and training spaces for REACH.

### UPPER LEVEL

**Space for a united staff:** The upper level provides space for our staff. This new space will allow our staff to be in the same location for the first time in 25 years, which will create unity and synergy to do more for Grace and its people. This space will include personal offices, a large space for workstations, private meeting rooms, as well as appropriate office support space.

### OTHER

**Space for cars:** We will be adding 100 parking spaces, reducing the need to park off campus for most events.

## ESTIMATED COST: \$20 MILLION

### Anticipated timeline

Demolition and site preparation | Spring 2024  
 Construction begins | Summer 2024  
 Celebration and Grand Opening | Easter 2025

**Building project details:** 60,000 square feet | 3 levels

